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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Harry "Bud" Kelley on the occasion of his retirement after 34 years of service with the Illinois Association of Tobacco and Candy Distributors; and

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WHEREAS, Bud Kelley was born on May 12, 1932, in Hillsboro; his parents are Harry V. and Mildred Kelley; he married Nancy Shuster in June of 1954; she passed away in 1994; he married Sharon Duesterhaus Elvidge on September 2, 1995; and

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WHEREAS, Bud Kelley was a member of the 1949 varsity Hillsboro basketball team that won 2nd place in the Illinois State Tournament; he graduated from Millikin University in 1954; that same year, he was commissioned in the United States Marines, where he attained the rank of Captain; after his discharge from the military, he returned to Hillsboro to manage his family's business, Kelley Foods; on February 1, 1966, he joined the Illinois Department of Business and Economic Development as Chief Administrative Assistant to the Director; and

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WHEREAS, Bud Kelley was the organizer and developer of the safe Halloween Trick or Treating at the Governor's Mansion for

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1 School Children, which continues today through the Secretary of
2 State after 20 years of continuous operation; and

3 WHEREAS, Since 1975, Bud Kelley has served as Executive
4 Director of the Illinois Association of Tobacco and Candy
5 Distributors, where he has served as an advocate and liaison
6 between the Association's distributor members and the Illinois
7 General Assembly; during his tenure at the Association, he has
8 gained a sterling reputation as a tireless and dedicated worker
9 who always sought a balance between the concerns of the
10 distributors and manufacturers he represented and those of the
11 government; and

12 WHEREAS, Bud Kelley was an active member of the Jaycees,
13 the Hillsboro Voluntary Fire Department, and the Hillsboro
14 Chamber of Commerce; and

15 WHEREAS, Bud Kelley has been the recipient of numerous
16 awards and accolades for his service to the community,
17 including the first ever Hillsboro Education Foundation's
18 Distinguished Alumni Award, the National Brotherhood Award
19 from the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the
20 designation of a room in his name at the Abraham Lincoln
21 Presidential Library, the 1965 Outstanding Young Men of America
22 Award, 2 Ernest J. O'Brien Awards for Outstanding State
23 Association Executive, the 1980 American Jewish Committee

1 Human Relations Award, and the 1987 Max Bloom Memorial Award;
2 in 2004, he was named an Honorary Mayor of Clonmel, Ireland and
3 was instrumental in obtaining Clonmel as a sister city to
4 Peoria; and

5 WHEREAS, Bud Kelley is well known by his friends and
6 colleagues as a man of great honesty and integrity with a
7 giving heart; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
10 congratulate Harry "Bud" Kelley on the occasion of his
11 retirement and wish him many happy and healthy retirement
12 years; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Bud Kelley as a symbol of our esteem and respect.